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Pen and Picture Pointers

In the frontispiece of the present issue of The Bee will be recognized the features of the young congressman from the First Nebraska district, Hon. E. J. Burkett. Mr. Burkett has been renominated by the republicans of his district for a second term at Washington and will unquestionably secure the endorsement of the voters at the polls. While the story of his public career is told in an interesting manner by our Washington correspondent, the excellent likeness gives an idea of his personal appearance which could not be obtained in any other way except by acquaintance.

Hon. E. W. Martin of Deadwood, S. D., is one of the candidates for congressman-at-large from South Dakota recently nominated at Sioux Falls. Mr. Martin was the lay delegate from the Black Hills conference to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Chicago. He was born at Maquoketa, Ia., April 12, 1855, and comes of Irish, English and Scotch ancestry. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Iowa commandery of the Loyal Legion, the latter by inheritance of his father, now deceased, Captain James W. Martin, of the Twenty-fourth Iowa volunteers. Mr. Martin was graduated from Cornell college in 1879 and three years later he received the degree of A. M. from his alma mater. He attended the law school of the University of Michigan two years and since the summer of 1880 he has practiced law continuously. He was a member of the territorial legislature of South Dakota in 1885 and 1886 and for several years he has been president of the Board of Education of Deadwood.

Mrs. Louise Mathews, grand matron of the Eastern Star of the Nebraska grand chapter, whose photograph we print this week, has been a resident of Fremont since 1890. She was born in Beardstown, Ill., and was educated in the public schools of that town. In 1882 she became a member of the Eastern Star at Beardstown, and when the order was organized in Fremont in 1894 she was elected to the highest office in the chapter—matron. In 1899 she was elected associate grand matron of the grand chapter of Nebraska and the following year was advanced to the highest office in the grand chapter. During the last two years she has devoted considerable time to the advancement of the order, visiting chapters and organizing new ones. She is a woman of refined and dignified manner, a close student of the best literature of the day and a pleasant and entertaining conversationalist. She is not a woman who has taken any active part in public affairs, believing her first duty was to make a happy and attractive home for her husband and sons. She has for years been an active member of the Methodist church, devoting much of her time to the social and charitable work connected with it. Mrs. Mathews' maiden name was Louise Thornberry. She was married to Mr. Trevannon L. Mathews in 1870. They have two grown up sons residing in South Omaha.

Will M. Narvis of Muscatine, Ia., who was recently re-elected as grand master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Iowa, entered upon his duties as grand master workman May 10, 1899, and his report to the grand lodge at Creighton, May 8, 1900, showed the net increase of membership for the year ending April 1 to have been 1,337, the largest in the history of the order in Iowa, the record for the first four months of 1900 being 825 net increase, which has never before been equaled. His election this year was unanimous, as was practically his election as one of the supreme representatives to the supreme lodge which meets in Sioux Falls, S. D., June 12. He is the author and founder of the side degree of the order known as the Ancient Phoenician Order of the Noblemen of Tyre, similar somewhat to the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Narvis has been prominent for some years in the Knights of Pythias order in Iowa. He was grand master-at-arms in 1889 and in 1891 he was elected grand chancellor from the floor on the first ballot. During his term as grand chancellor he put in thirty-eight new lodges and reorganized five. For three years he was Knights of Pythias state instructor and has just retired from the position of supreme representative.

The four popular Grand Island (Neb.) society girls, whose photographs appear in this issue, are not merely local favorites, but have a large circle of social acquaintances throughout Nebraska. Miss Martha McDonough is a daughter of the proprietor of the Palmer house, Grand Island. She is an attractive brunette, tall and graceful, and is prominent in all the social events of the city. Miss Lulu Maude Burg is a daughter of the superintendent of the water service of the Union Pacific railroad for Nebraska and Kansas. She is handsome, dignified in manner and a great favorite. Miss Callie Thompson, a daughter of Judge J. R. Thompson of the district

court, is a bright young lady, modest and unassuming, and is one of the sweet girl graduates. Miss Bertha Gulou, a daughter of the former manager of the Chicago Lumber company, is a decidedly pretty brunette, popular in social circles and has many friends.

The fishing season is here. The nimble and anglers, who love the fields and the forests, the lakes and the rivers for the sport they afford, are heading for their favorite resorts to pass away the hot summer days. The picture of the group of Omaha anglers will interest those who are skeptical. The string of fish tell the story of these successful anglers more eloquently, and probably more convincingly, than words could.

Judging by the expression on the face of the boy in the picture, "Tubs of Fun," he cannot see where the fun comes in, while the girls seem to be enjoying the situation immensely. The boy is undoubtedly in favor of both territorial expansion and equal rights and could easily be induced to fight for an equal distribution of the territory in possession of his sisters by "right of eminent domain." The quartet are the children of B. T. White, a prominent railroad attorney.

About Noted People

It is said in London that John Morley, the author and politician, upon being told that Rev. Charles M. Sheldon had engaged a luxurious saloon berth for his passage from New York to England, remarked: "One would have expected the author of 'In His Steps' to have walked across."

The chief trait in the character of the German crown prince is his love of militarism. As a boy of 5 years he had a certain contempt for his nurse because she had not a military step and once, when



WILL M. NARVIS, MUSCATINE, IA.—RECENTLY ELECTED GRAND MASTER WORKMAN OF THE IOWA ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN.

asked what the principal festivals were, he naively said: "Birthdays, wedding day and Schrippenfest," the last one being a military festival given every year at Potsdam for the sergeants' school. He is a fond of music and is a good violin player.

Lord Roberts has had few equals in the handling of sword and lance, says a writer in the New Penny Magazine. He was always especially fond of tent pegging and so excelled in the difficult diversion that he carried off the first prize at the Indian tournament from the whole Indian army when he was already past his 60th year. The love of free, rapid movement soon made him an accomplished cyclist and he did much of his work in Ireland, especially at maneuvers on the wheel. He so believed in his bicycle that he induced his staff to follow his example, although all were not equally well equipped for riding it.

The Massachusetts Daughters of the Revolution are hopeful that the state will make arrangements for the preservation of the birthplace of John Adams, in Quincy, Mass., for its historical interests, and because it is a fine specimen of colonial architecture. Recently the "Dorothy Q." chapter visited the house and listened to a paper by Rev. D. M. Wilson of Brooklyn on "The Mansion of the Quineys: Its Famous Inmates and Guests." In the parlor of this house "Dorothy Q." was married. The same wall paper, bearing quaint figures, and supposed to be of Chinese make, is still on the walls of the room.

The doctorage disputation at the Columbian university last week was something more than an antiquated form, when Charles Moore, a candidate for the degree of doctor of philosophy in the graduate department of American history, was called upon to stand for hours a steady fire of interrogatories addressed by Bishop Satterlee, ex-Senator Henderson and Representative Robert R. Hitt of Illinois. The distinguished inquisitors, all profound students of history, became so interested that they were quite oblivious to the passage of time, and Mr. Moore was delivered from his uncomfortable position only by a messenger from the house of representatives to call off Mr. Hitt to a debate in the house. Mr. Moore is a graduate of Harvard, class of '78.

Congressman Burkett of First Nebraska District

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(Special.)—"It is always by what men accomplish that they are measured; for what they perform that they are loved or despised. Men are not measured by what they are capable of doing, but rather by what they do." This was the keynote of Congressman Burkett's eulogy upon the life and character of the late Senator-elect Monroe L. Hayward, delivered in the house of representatives on Saturday, March 17. And as it fitted the dead senator, so is it applicable to the living representative in congress from the First district of Nebraska.

I first met Elmer Jacob Burkett in the campaign of 1898, when he was making his initial effort to go to congress. He impressed me then as a forcible speaker, a keen student of political economy, a man of fine judgment and an enthusiasm that was infectious.

Looks After His Constituency.

When I next met him, shortly after the beginning of the present Fifty-sixth congress, it was in his "office" at his hotel

in which he was born. He farmed in summer and attended the district school in winter, like hundreds of his colleagues in congress. He entered the freshman class of Tabor college, Iowa, in 1885, and graduated in 1890. After the completion of his college course he became principal of the high school at Leigh, Neb., and this was the commencement of his residence in the prairie state.

Graduates from Nebraska University. Later he entered the law school of the University of Nebraska, from which in-



MRS. LOUISE MATHEWS, FREMONT, NEB.—NEBRASKA GRAND MATRON OF EASTERN STAR.

stitution he received the degree of bachelor of laws in 1893, and in 1895, having taken a post-graduate course, he was given the degree of master of laws. Previous to locating in Nebraska it had always been Mr. Burkett's ambition to teach school in Glenwood, Ia., but he could never convince the directors that he was the right man for the position. After his success in the schools of Leigh, the Glenwood people wanted Burkett to take a position there, but they had waited too long. He had decided to make the law his profession. Glenwood through its procrastination had lost a successful school teacher and the law had won a tireless worker and an enthusiastic champion.

Young Burkett Enters Politics.

After his graduation from the law department of the Nebraska university Mr. Burkett began to take an active interest in politics, much to his father's disgust, who always advised his son to stay out of the game, for it would bring him nothing but worry, and when Burkett finally decided to enter politics his father was greatly disappointed and saw nothing but failure ahead. In the campaign of 1893 and 1894, shortly after his graduation from the law school, Congressman Burkett went to Iowa, making a number of speeches in ex-Congressman Hager's district, the Ninth Iowa, now represented by Hon. Smith McPherson, recently confirmed by the senate as federal judge of the Southern district of Iowa.

In 1895 Mr. Burkett was elected a member of the board of trustees of Tabor college, his alma mater, and at once began an investigation of the corporation law of Iowa with reference to the charter of his college. He soon discovered that the charter under which the college authorities were operating was defective and at once, on a vote of the board of trustees, drafted a new charter and new by-laws which are still in force. The defect in the charter was that it covered a period of fifty years, when under the amended laws of Iowa it could only run for twenty-five years without renewal, a matter that might have resulted in serious loss to the college in vitiating and nullifying bequests.

Elected to the Legislature.

So rapid and yet so steady has been Representative Burkett's rise that in 1896 he was elected by the republicans of Lancaster county to the state legislature, where, by reason of his tact and ability, he became

the leader of the republican minority, harassing the populists and democrats continuously. In 1898 he was nominated for congress. With characteristic enthusiasm he began an active campaign and within two months had perfected an organization such as had never been seen before in the First district. The result showed his powers of leadership, being elected by a large majority over his competitor, increasing the republican vote 2,000 over the election of 1896, when Judge Jesse B. Strode was elected, and he carried every county in the district for the first time in the history of Nebraska politics.

Faithful Worker in Congress.

In congress Mr. Burkett has contented himself by closely watching the course of legislation, performing his committee duties faithfully and looking after his constituents. Whatever he has been called upon to do, however, has been done with an eye single to the upbuilding of his party. His masterly conduct of the majority side in the contested election case of Aldrich against Robbins from the Fourth Alabama district brought him to the front and showed that he was a well equipped speaker, having pronounced opinions on democratic election methods in the south, which he was not afraid to exhibit to the edification of his republican brethren.

The eulogy which Mr. Burkett pronounced on Monroe L. Hayward was splendidly considered and beautifully expressed and stands as one of the finest examples of oratory of the present session of congress, remarkable for the number of men who have died since it began.

A Friend of the Veterans.

Upon the subject of pensions Mr. Burkett has also advanced opinions. Mr. Burkett "the pension roll" is a roll of honor, and he is always found voting to honor, and he veterans. One sentence, taken from the speech in behalf of his motion from his Mary L. Stotsenberg, widow to give Mrs. John M. Stotsenberg of the F.W. of Colonel a pension of \$75 instead of \$40 as allowed by the committee, will show what he stands on the pension question. Here he stands:

"This country is big enough for Mr. Burkett, and I hope good enough," said Mr. Burkett, "and I hope good enough to provide for the widows and orphans of its fallen heroes. We are to the schedule. As the country let us raise and more prosperous let us take better care of our war veterans and their dependent widows." E. C. S.

Told Out of Court

An Iowa lawyer sent Case and Comment a letter with the following legend printed at the top:

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Ex-Judge W. H. Moore of Chicago, organizer of half a dozen gigantic steel and iron combinations, has made it an inflexible rule never to allow his utterances to be printed. It was recently reported that he was going to Europe and a reporter visited him to verify the rumor. But the Chicagoan was as obdurate as ever.

"You won't say whether you are going away, judge?" was asked.

"I never talk for publication," was the suave answer.

"Can't you tell us anything about the condition of the iron business?"

"I do not talk for publication."

The reported had pursued his victim into the elevator, which was slowly descending. Renouncing any ambition for the coveted interview, he said:

"A fine day, judge."

"Not for publication," was the instinctive reply.

A Texas judge sums up the danger of allowing jurymen to drink intoxicants as follows:

"Every day's experience must satisfy us that it is impossible to lay down a rule as to how much can be drunk without impairing the qualification of a juror for discharging the trust confided in him. Its effects have been well described by Scotland's most popular bard:

"Inspiring, bold John Barleycorn! What dangers thou canst make us scorn! Wh' tippenny we fear nae evil; Wh' usque bae, we'll face the devil."

Reflections of a Bachelor

New York Press: Greens is spinach when there isn't company.

Marriage is like a dyed sock: unless the love is the right kind, it's sure to crock.

Every woman for three years before she gets married ought to be made to keep a cow.

A woman is about as much of a success at driving a husband as she is at driving a long wire nail.

Broken hearts are just as much aids to the devil as they are to religion.

If you give a man time enough he will get up an excuse that will go with a woman, for anything.

In every man's marriage there is some other woman who ought to have been there instead of the one that is.

Every woman who has a parrot that swears and a hired man that chews and drinks has just so much less use for a husband.

After a man has got to a certain age without getting married the women say of him that it is because he has a dead love in his heart. If it is another woman they say it is because she never had a chance.



Dr. F. S. Owen, Mrs. F. S. Owen, Mrs. Dwight Williams, Albert Edholm, Mrs. Jussen Donnelly. PARTY OF OMAHA ANGLERS.